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ABSTRACT

A catalyst suitable for use in an esterification reaction-eomprises includes the reaction product of a compound of titanium, zirconium or hafnium, a 2-hydroxy carboxylic acid and a quaternary ammonium compound selected from the group consisting of tetraethylammonium hydroxide and tetramethylammonium hydroxide, optionally with an alcohol or water.